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A weekly newsletter for Virginia's Library Media Specialists

March 11, 2005

Charlie's chatter

The annual run across Virginia has begun. Beginning in early March and lasting through the middle of April is the much applauded and much attended VEMA Spring Regional meetings. The Science Museum of Virginia provided our starting line on March 7. Scheduled stops include March 8 at Shenandoah's regional at Blue Ridge Community College, and March 12 for Potomac's regional at Millbrook High School in Winchester. Good thing it is March and we have strong gusty winds to blow my ship around the state! April will take off with a bang with Roanoke on April 6 and Clinch on April 7. Then onto York and the much awaited finish line in Rappahannock the following week on the 11th and the 15th.

Now, if we can only get the weather to work with us—Monday 73 degrees and beautiful, Tuesday, 30 degrees with rain, snow, and then sunshine and bitterly cold winds, and a mixed bag forecast for Saturday! Typical Virginia weather!

I really enjoy getting to see each of you again and hearing all the exciting ports of call that you are sailing to and from. We have a treasure trunk of ideas for our school library programs. Be sure to come to your regional and take home your 'booty'!



Cool Websi tes

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Dallas Symphony Orchestra, <http://www.dsokids.com> provides a wealth of information about various musical instruments, and the seating and instruments that would be found in an orchestra.



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Experienced storytellers share their ghost stories via both audio and text versions of folktales of the American South at <http://www.themoonliteroad.com>

Curriculum Connection

March is Music Month! Be sure to include stories about music and musicians with your students this month. LibrarySparks has an extensive list of activities and web sites to peruse. Also check out the resources at <http://www.menc.org/news/mag/news.html> and <http://www.menc.org/networks/genmus/genmusres.htm>



March is also Women's History month



To address the absence of information about women in America's schools, the National Women's History Project led a movement to have Congress designate a celebration to recognize women's historic achievements. The goal was to ensure that information about the myriad ways women have changed America would be part of our children's education.

In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation calling on the American people to remember the contributions of women. By 1987, fourteen governors had declared March as Women's History Month, and that same year, Congress and the President followed by declaring March as National Women's History Month. This March, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the multicultural women's history movement.

For more information contact:

Web: [The National Women's History Project](http://www.nwhp.org)

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Missing Out

Some library media specialists are not members of the VEMA listserv and therefore often miss out on important information. They do not know that this newsletter exists. If you know of people within your school division that do not know about the Halyard, please forward the email notification to them or direct them to the web at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Technology/chalyard.html>



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Two Exciting Events Upcoming

National Library Week will be celebrated April 10-16 and April is School Library Media Month!

Check out the resources at www.ala.org/aasl

The theme is Something for everyone@your library

A Must READ!

Article on state funded databases! February 2005, *Teacher Librarian* Great suggestions for how to write and contact legislators to ensure continued funding.



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